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31 May 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA
Deputy Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT : Summary of OSA Activities for Week Ending
29 May 1963

OX CART

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2. To date 21 OXCART engines have been delivered [redacted] and seven more are expected in June resulting in 28 engines delivered by the end of June versus 30 engines scheduled. However, this shortage of two should be corrected by delivery of two engines in July in addition to the three scheduled for delivery that month.

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3. On 16 May a static ejection seat test was made out of the F-106 aircraft at El Centro, California. All systems functioned as desired proving the feasibility of using the aircraft for future in-flight ejections. These tests are being conducted in conjunction with our requirement for stabilizing the ejection seat 3.4 seconds after it clears the ship and before the seat and the pilot are separated.

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NRO review(s)
completed.

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ARGON

A thorough investigation has been made and corrective action taken as a result of the latest Argon failure. Pre-launch procedures have been revised to eliminate the possibility of a similar incident on the next Argon shot which is scheduled for 7 June 1963.

PURCELL PANEL

Messrs. Kiefer and McMahon again visited Drs. Purcell, Land and Baker in Boston on 29 May to finalize the agenda for the forthcoming Purcell Panel meeting on 4 - 5 June.

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3. Colonel Ledford has requested that AFIGO-S provide the IDEALIST Program with three pilots in addition to [redacted] [redacted] At the present time there are six drivers assigned to the IDEALIST Program and during the past year we have pressed these pilots to the limit. [redacted] will replace [redacted] who just left the program, and it is believed that at least one other driver will resign by 31 December 1963. In view of these facts, AFIGO-S has been asked to provide nominees for the program as soon as possible.

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5. As a result of a visit to our U-2 detachment [redacted] by [redacted] the Installation Engineer, OSA, it was decided that a new hangar is needed to house our two U-2's at that detachment. The present hangar is too small for the aircraft and the general condition of the building is poor. If the new hangar is constructed, the old one will be used as storage space for wing carts, engine stands and other equipment now stored in the open. Funds in the amount of [redacted] will be requested in the Fiscal Year 1964 budget for the hangar construction.

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6. [redacted] Deputy for Field Activities, OSA, has requested that an overall coordinator be appointed to ensure integration of [redacted] under development by OEL and the Deputy for Technology, OSA. Through his study of the subject, [redacted] has concluded that OSA's responsibilities can be discharged without interfering with the technical prerogatives of the development people.

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(Signed)



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